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- Reuters reports a lightning strike on a high-voltage line in Texas on Thursday, affected the entire regional power grid, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of homes for several hours, shutting six power plants at four generating stations. (See item [1](#))
- Reuters reports Attorney General John Ashcroft said on Friday that 135 people have been charged and more than \$17 million seized in a crackdown on investment swindles, identity theft and other forms of Internet fraud and abuse. (See item [4](#))
- Reuters reports terror alerts spread around the world on Friday, as governments fear terrorists are planning more assaults on Western targets. (See item [23](#))

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**Energy Sector**

**Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: [Physical](#): Elevated, [Cyber](#): Elevated**

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://esisac.com>]

1. *May 16, Reuters* — Lightning knocks out power to most parts of Texas. A lightning strike on a high-voltage line wreaked havoc in Texas on Thursday, knocking out power to hundreds of thousands of homes for several hours and shutting six power plants at four generating stations. The 345-kilovolt Comanche Peak-Parker line, struck just before 3 a.m. Central time, was expected to remain down at least through Friday, Heather Tindall, spokeswoman for the Electric Reliability Council of Texas said. **Tindall added that huge portions of the state power grid were shaken by the outage. "Basically the entire state, or most of the state, in our service area was affected.** There were outages in Austin, San Antonio, Corpus Christi, San Angelo, Laredo, Abilene, Waco...it was all across the region,"

Tindall said. Electric service was restored to all customers by about 5:30 a.m., Tindall added. ERCOT said in a statement the downed line and plant outages left too few power plants on line to keep pace with energy demand, causing circuit breakers to automatically trip to isolate the outages and prevent a "major disturbance" and even more widespread damage to equipment elsewhere on the grid. **Asked how a single lightning strike could affect the entire grid, PUC spokesman Terry Hadley said, "We will probably be asking the same questions."** A TXU Energy spokesman said the lightning strike caused the the company's two-unit 2,300-megawatt Comanche Peak nuclear power station to be knocked out of service. The jolt also shut units at TXU's gas and oil-fired DeCordova and Morgan Creek plants, and two units at the Martin Lake coal-fired plant, spokesman Rand LaVonn said.

Source: [http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw\\_article.cfm?id=3847712](http://www.energycentral.com/sections/news/nw_article.cfm?id=3847712)

2. *May 15, Reuters* — **PG&E to clean up, not shut, two Massachusetts power plants.** PG&E National Energy Group (NEG), operating under a cloud of possible bankruptcy, said Thursday it plans to clean up emissions at two big power plants in Massachusetts. **The two plants, the 1,599 megawatt (MW) Brayton Point station in Somerset and the 745 MW Salem Harbor station in Salem, are two of six old coal- and oil-fired power plants Massachusetts wants cleaned up or shut down.** The operator of the regional power grid, ISO New England, however, has told NEG, a power generating subsidiary of San Francisco's PG&E Corp., it cannot shut Salem Harbor because it is needed to ensure a reliable local power supply. **Together the plants, which produce some of the lowest cost electricity in New England, generate enough power for more than 2.3 million homes.** NEG has estimated it will cost more than \$250 million – roughly \$125 million each – to cut down the plants' emissions, NEG spokesman Shawn Cooper told Reuters. But NEG cannot fund the projects because the company, on the brink of bankruptcy, lacks the credit rating needed to borrow money to pay for the clean-up. Moreover, NEG has been trying to sell the plants for years and does not expect to own them long enough to oversee the work.

Source: [http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma\\_newsarticle1\\_national.htm?SMDOCID=reuters\\_pma\\_2003\\_05\\_15\\_eng-reuters\\_pma\\_PGE-T-O-CLEAN-UP-NOT-SHUT-TWO-MASS-POWER-PLANTSa](http://hsweb01.screamingmedia.com/PMA/pma_newsarticle1_national.htm?SMDOCID=reuters_pma_2003_05_15_eng-reuters_pma_PGE-T-O-CLEAN-UP-NOT-SHUT-TWO-MASS-POWER-PLANTSa)

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## **Chemical Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Defense Industrial Base Sector**

3. *May 16, New York Times* — **New National Guard chief calls for a more agile force.** The Pentagon's new top officer for National Guard affairs called today for a major restructuring of the Army and Air Guard units, asserting that the nation's part-time forces must be able to respond faster to emergencies at home and overseas. **The goal, General Blum said, will be to cut the time it takes to prepare National Guard units to respond to terrorist attacks, wars or natural disasters. Army National Guard units can take days or even weeks to move, he**

**said.** His plan calls for equipping and training those units to deploy almost as quickly as Air National Guard units, which can move in mere hours.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/17/international/worldspecial/17GUAR.html?ex=10541875590fca3f16>

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## **Banking and Finance Sector**

4. *May 16, Reuters* — **Government charges 135 in cybercrime sweep. Attorney General John Ashcroft said Friday 135 people have been charged and more than \$17 million seized in a crackdown on investment swindles, identity theft and other forms of Internet fraud and abuse.** Officers arrested 50 suspects last week, Ashcroft said. Those arrested stand accused of a variety of crimes, from setting up fake banking Web sites to collect the account numbers of unsuspecting customers to surreptitiously taping and selling unreleased movies, he said. **Many of the cases involved advertising goods or services that did not exist.** According to charges filed by the Justice Department, some defendants tapped into the customer lists of a California amusement park and the tax rolls of a Pennsylvania city in a bid to take out credit cards in other people's names. **Since January 1, the Justice Department and other federal agencies have uncovered more than 89,000 victims bilked out of some \$176 million,** Ashcroft said.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2003/TECH/internet/05/16/cybercrime.feds.ap/index.html>

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## **Transportation Sector**

5. *May 16, Oregonian* — **Coalition targets maritime terrorism. When it comes to battling maritime terrorism, the Columbia River region is developing a special weapon: a coalition providing information and experts to federal officials.** "A lot of information in the shipping industry is proprietary. This coalition cuts through the corporate secrecy to get information for the FBI and the Transportation Security Administration," said Jim Townley, project director. The coalition has an advisory board of about 60 members of the maritime industry and another 40 to 60 industry experts who know how to get relevant information. **Information such as where a shipping container was packed, whether or how it was inspected, the names and paperwork on ship crew members, details about a specific ship, or who paid the shipping bill are typical details that might help an investigator.** Officially known as the Regional Maritime Security Coalition, its success is being monitored to see if the local approach should be applied nationally. Lt. Bart Robinson, U.S. Coast Guard liaison with the coalition, said that once the coalition is up to full speed, "any federal agency will be able to get the information it needs regarding marine security."

Source: <http://www.oregonlive.com/business/oregonian/index.ssf?/base/business/1053086365232470.xml>

6. *May 16, Washington Post* — **Security may have lapsed with screeners. More than two dozen federal airport screeners stationed at Los Angeles International Airport have been found to have criminal histories, prompting concern that the federal government did not**

**complete required background probes of security personnel**, people familiar with the matter said. The airport said it will begin fingerprinting and conducting criminal background checks next week on its federal airport screeners. **Similarly, in New York, police have uncovered that at least 50 security screeners have criminal pasts at John F. Kennedy International Airport**, according to Sen. Charles E. Schumer (D-NY). "We believe fingerprinting all TSA employees is a prudent measure and will bring about an increase in the overall security of the airport," said Paul Haney, a spokesman at Los Angeles International, referring to the Transportation Security Administration. The TSA said it completed name- and fingerprint-based criminal background checks on all of its screeners. But 40 percent of its workforce of 55,600 screeners has not undergone a more in-depth investigation by the U.S. Office of Personnel Management. **The Los Angeles airport stumbled upon a handful of screeners with criminal histories during a routine process to issue screeners identification badges.** The airport required more than 2,600 TSA screeners stationed there to fill out a questionnaire required for all of its employees; questions about past criminal activity are included.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A61700-2003May15.html?referrer=emailarticle>

7. *May 16, Boston Globe Online* — **U.S. plan to shield airlines from missiles advances. A proposal to equip all commercial jets in the United States with missile defense systems moved forward yesterday, when the Department of Homeland Security completed a plan for determining whether a workable technology exists.** A report to be issued by the department in Washington today will call for the government to hire two companies to develop prototype systems that protect passenger jets from heat-seeking, shoulder-fired missiles. **It will ask other high-tech firms for proposals on the best way to protect aircraft from the threat, which has concerned U.S. officials since an unsuccessful attack on an Israeli passenger jet in Africa last fall. The study was ordered in April in conjunction with appropriations for the war in Iraq.** A Homeland Security Department spokesman confirmed that the report had been completed but offered few details. "The department will consider such things as feasibility, analyzing overall efficiency in relation to cost and determine technology's ability to counter current and emerging threats," said Brian Roehrkaase, the spokesman.

Source: [http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/136/business/US\\_plan\\_to\\_shield\\_airlines\\_from\\_missiles\\_advances+.shtml](http://www.boston.com/dailyglobe2/136/business/US_plan_to_shield_airlines_from_missiles_advances+.shtml)

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## **Postal and Shipping Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Agriculture Sector**

8. *May 16, Agriculture Online* — **USDA funds state-level John's Disease programs. The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania has received just over \$628,000 in U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) funding for efforts to research and control John's Disease there, and**

**will receive another \$600,000 in funding in October, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Dennis Wolff announced this week.** The funds are part of a major USDA funding effort to encourage states to conduct more research, industry education, and industry participation in state John's Disease programs. "These funds will be used to enhance our laboratory testing capability, provide incentives for cattle owners and veterinarians to participate in our John's Disease Program, and conduct further research in testing and control techniques," said Dr. Paul Knepley, Chief of the Animal and Poultry Health Division at the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

Source: [http://www.agriculture.com/default.sph/AgNews.class?FNC=goDetail\\_ANewsindex.html\\_49921\\_1](http://www.agriculture.com/default.sph/AgNews.class?FNC=goDetail_ANewsindex.html_49921_1)

9. *May 16, just-food.com* — **Commission issues update on avian influenza in Europe.** The European Union's Standing Committee on the Food Chain and Animal Health met this week to discuss again the avian influenza situation in the Netherlands, Belgium, and Germany. **To date 252 outbreaks of avian influenza have been confirmed in the Netherlands and another six holdings are suspected to be contaminated in the Netherlands.** In total, approximately 28 million birds have been culled. The last outbreak in a commercial poultry farm dates from April 29. **Eight outbreaks have been confirmed in Belgium since April 16. However, the last outbreak dates from April 28 and no new suspicions have been raised since.** The poultry holdings in the established buffer zones have been depopulated and restocking will only start after a waiting period. In total, about three million birds have been culled. **The Committee concluded that the disease has been successfully eradicated in Belgium.** A single outbreak of avian influenza has been reported on May 9 in the Land of North Rhine–Westphalia in Germany. The Committee today approved and extended until May 30 the measures adopted by the Commission on May 12.

Source: [http://www.just-food.com/news\\_detail.asp?art=54119](http://www.just-food.com/news_detail.asp?art=54119)

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## **Food Sector**

Nothing to report.

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## **Water Sector**

10. *May 16, Canadian Broadcasting Company* — **Province introduces new water test. Drinking water in Alberta, Canada will now be tested for E. coli bacteria, as the province introduces a series of new safety measures. Environment Minister Lorne Taylor says the new technology, called "defined substrate testing," will be able to provide results within 24 hours.** The change is being made to comply with new federal guidelines on water safety. The old tests only looked for fecal matter in the sample and took two to three days to process.

Source: [http://calgary.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=ca\\_wate\\_r20030515](http://calgary.cbc.ca/regional/servlet/View?filename=ca_wate_r20030515)

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## Public Health Sector

11. *May 16, Straits Times* — **Dutch team pinpoints source of SARS. Dutch researchers say they have proved that a new coronavirus is the source of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS). The team of virologists at Amsterdam's Erasmus Medical Centre is the first to complete tests that meet all accepted scientific standards.** "This is proof that the coronavirus is the primary cause," said team leader Albert Osterhaus. "It is important in terms of combat strategies against the disease that you can unequivocally define what the primary cause is. "It will speed up diagnostics. It will speed up antiviral development and it will speed up vaccine development because now we know what we have to focus on." The team also found that other infections could have exacerbated the condition of some SARS patients. **The tests carried out by the Dutch virologists met standards set by a procedure known as Koch's Postulates, which is used by medical scientists to establish whether a specific virus caused a disease.** The process involves cross-checking to ensure that the disease can be clearly traced to a given virus and not to other pathogens that may lurk in samples taken from patients. Other groups working on SARS around the world have met the first three criteria of isolating the virus from diseased hosts, cultivating it in host cells and proving that the agent passes through a lab filter that traps bacteria.

Source: <http://straitstimes.asia1.com.sg/world/story/0,4386,189352,00.html>

12. *May 16, Business First* — **Area dentists on guard against bioterrorism. More than 1,000 dentists, oral surgeons, and orthodontists in the Western New York region are being called to duty in the war on bioterrorism.** "There is a definite role for dentists in developing local strategies to respond to bioterrorism," said Dr. Robert Chick, a North Tonawanda dentist. "It begins with providing courses in order for dentists to be able to correctly recognize various diseases as well as including dentists in the inoculation against these diseases." **Chick is chairman of a new special bioterrorism task force formed by the Eighth District Dental Society. He said he hopes to launch the task force's educational and training program by summer for the 1,000 members of the district, which encompasses the eight counties of Western New York.** "We want to see all of our members receive training. Dentists are in the first line of defense against bioterrorism diseases, some of which have oral manifestations," Chick said.

Source: <http://buffalo.bizjournals.com/buffalo/stories/2003/05/12/daily39.html>

13. *May 15, Congress Daily* — **House committee approves Bioshield funding proposal. The U.S. House Energy and Commerce Committee Thursday unanimously approved draft legislation authorizing \$5.6 billion over the next decade for the research, development, and purchase of tests, treatments, and vaccines to fight potential bioterror agents. But the committee's Bioshield proposal departs in a significant way from President Bush's plan in that the funding would be subject to appropriations rather than mandatory spending.** The bill, which was to be formally introduced Thursday will not go directly to the House floor. The Government Reform Committee has tentatively scheduled a markup for next Wednesday, and the Homeland Security Committee, which held a hearing on the measure Thursday afternoon, could also mark it up.

Source: <http://www.govexec.com/dailyfed/0503/051503cd1.htm>



## Government Sector

14. *May 14, U.S. Department of Homeland Security* — **Securing the homeland: protecting urban areas.** On Wednesday the Department of Homeland Security announced the allocation of \$700 million dollars from the FY '03 Supplemental Budget to enhance the security of urban areas with high density population areas and critical infrastructure. For example, \$500 million will be provided through the states to 30 cities and their contiguous counties and mutual aid partners. **The cities have been determined based on a formula developed by the Department of Homeland Security that takes into account, threat information, critical infrastructure, and population density.** View entire list at:  
[http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interweb/assetlibrary/Protectin g Our Urban Areas.doc](http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/interweb/assetlibrary/Protectin%20g%20Our%20Urban%20Areas.doc)  
Alternative web posting: <http://www.govexec.com/homeland/hmgrants2003.htm>  
Source: <http://www.dhs.gov/dhspublic/display?content=677>
15. *May 14, Bureau of Immigration and Customs* — **ICE unveils "most wanted" criminal aliens list.** The Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) on Wednesday unveiled a "Most Wanted" Criminal Aliens list, featuring criminal aliens from around the world who pose a continuing threat to public safety. **Those on the ICE Most Wanted Criminal Aliens list are foreign nationals who have been convicted of committing serious crimes in this country. Each has been ordered deported from the United States, but remains at large.** ICE's new Most Wanted Criminal Aliens list is posted on the ICE website at <http://www.bice.immigration.gov>, enabling the public to view the criminal aliens and call in tips on their whereabouts. The website is updated regularly as apprehensions are made. Anyone with information about those on the list should call 1- 800 - BE ALERT. (1-800-232-5378). The lines are staffed 24 hours a day, seven days a week.  
Source: [http://www.immigration.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/newsrels/m ostwanted.htm](http://www.immigration.gov/graphics/publicaffairs/newsrels/m%20stwanted.htm)
16. *May 08, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives* — **ATF license or permit to be required for all purchases of explosives.** Anyone purchasing or receiving explosives on or after May 24, 2003, will be required to have either a permit or a license from the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF). The new permit requirement of the Safe Explosives Act applies to all receipts of explosives, including those within the purchaser's state of residence. Many users of explosives are familiar with the new requirements, and ATF has been working closely with the explosives, mining, and pyrotechnics industries in an effort to make the public aware of these new regulations. **However, ATF issued the reminder because some users who previously purchased and used explosives in their own states, and were not previously required to obtain permits, may not be aware that they are now required to do so.**  
Source: <http://www.atf.gov/press/fy03press/050803safeact.htm>

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## Emergency Services Sector

Nothing to report.

## **Information and Telecommunications Sector**

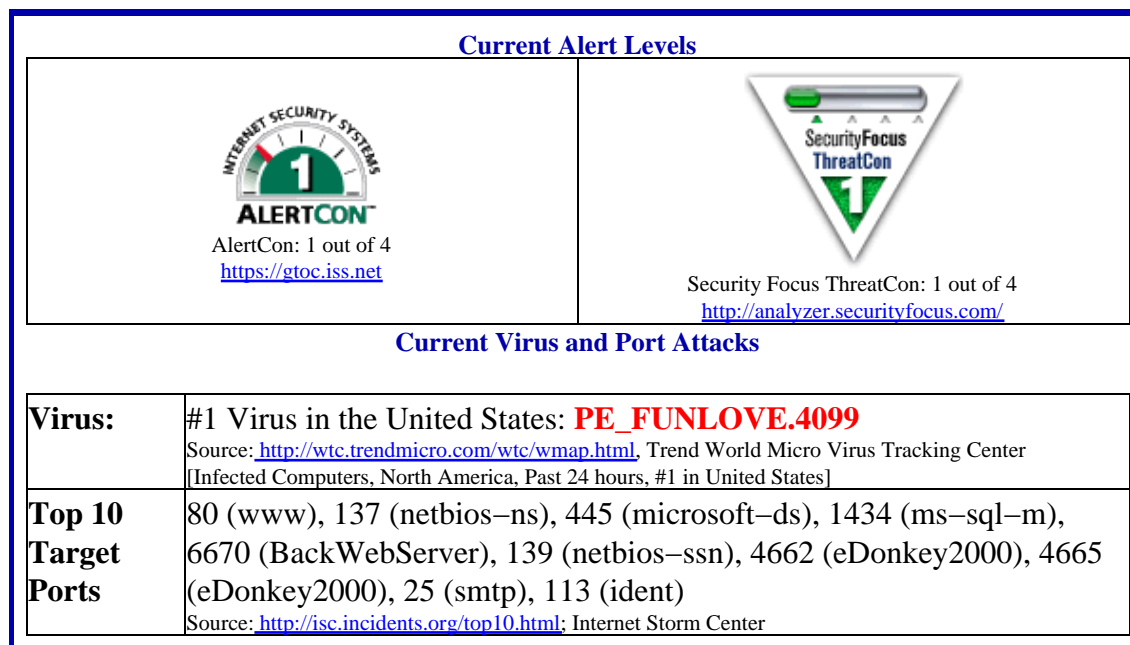
17. *May 16, Reuters* — **South Korea fortifying computer security. North Korea is training around 100 computer hackers each year to boost its cyber-warfare capabilities, pushing the South to fortify its own computer security, a South Korean military official said Friday.** South Korea is one of the world's most wired countries, making it vulnerable to cyber attacks, Song Young-keun, commanding general of Seoul's Defense Security Command, was quoted as saying. **70 percent of households in South Korea have Internet access.** Song said **the military would also need the combined efforts of research institutions and private sector businesses to strengthen cyber security,** the report added.  
Source: <http://www.reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?storyID=2757209>
18. *May 16, Federal Computer Week* — **NIST releases draft security standard. The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Computer Security Division Friday released the draft of a new Federal Information Processing Standard, FIPS 199, which dictates how agencies should categorize their systems based on the security risk faced by each.** The standard is the first step in several requirements generated by NIST under the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002, all aimed at setting minimum security requirements for all government systems not related to national security. **The draft outlines three categories of risk, which are based on the potential impact of a breach in three areas: the confidentiality, integrity and availability of the information in the system.** **Comments on the draft are due within 90 days.** The draft is available on the NIST Website: <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/drafts.html>  
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0512/web-nist-05-16-03.asp>
19. *May 15, Federal Computer Week* — **DHS setting cybersecurity priorities. Now that responsibility for the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace has shifted to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), officials are developing a list of priorities for implementation within the next 180 days.** Among the areas being examined are education and certification, metrics and benchmarks for the private sector, and research and development, said Andy Purdy, cybersecurity adviser for the Information Analysis and Infrastructure Protection (IAIP) Directorate at DHS. Purdy was speaking May 14 at a symposium sponsored by the Computing Technology Industry Association in Washington, D.C. **DHS officials also are looking at a more comprehensive method to share security vulnerability and incident information between government and the private sector,** Purdy said.  
Source: <http://www.fcw.com/fcw/articles/2003/0512/web-strategy-05-15-03.asp>
20. *May 15, New York Times* — **U.S. moves to allow trading of radio spectrum licenses. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) voted Thursday to permit companies to lease and trade radio spectrum licenses.** Officials and industry analysts say that by allowing license holders to lease underused slivers of the spectrum, consumers will benefit from reduced instances of cellphone calls being dropped. **More efficient use of the spectrum would make it easier to connect to the Internet with hand-held computers in crowded areas and it should help extend wireless services in rural areas.** The commission extinguished a 40-year-old rule that required the holder of a spectrum license to also control the physical



infrastructure needed to use that piece of the spectrum and thus be responsible for fixing signal interference and other problems. **Under the new rules, the holder of a license who is not making use of the spectrum will be able to lease it to another company that would provide the equipment and personnel.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/16/technology/16SPEC.html>

### Internet Alert Dashboard



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## General Sector

21. *May 19, New York Times* — **Suicide bombs kills dozens in Casablanca. The death toll from a string of seemingly synchronized terrorist attacks in Morocco's commercial capital on Friday night rose to least 39 people, including 10 suicide bombers, with more than 60 others wounded.** The targets of the attacks, scattered across this port city of three million people, included the Hotel Farah, a Jewish community center, and the Casa de Espana club and restaurant, according to witnesses. Another bomb went off near the Belgian consulate, although the Belgian foreign ministry spokesman, Didier Seeuws, said in Brussels today that the government had ruled out the possibility that the consulate was the target.

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/17/international/worldspecial/2/17CASA.html?pagewanted=2ont>>

22. *May 16, New York Times* — **Official puts cost of rebuilding ground zero at \$10 billion.** Rebuilding the World Trade Center site will cost roughly \$10 billion, with two-thirds of that paying for the office, cultural and transportation buildings envisioned in the architect Daniel Libeskind's design, a top rebuilding official said on Thursday. The rest of the money will be for architectural and engineering fees, insurance, administration costs and legal fees and other costs, according to the official, Andrew Winters. **After a board meeting of the Lower**

**Manhattan Development Corporation, Winters, who succeeded Alexander Garvin as the agency's director for planning, design and development, told reporters that his estimate is conservative. It is based on an assumed construction cost of \$350 per square foot for the 8 million to 10 million square feet of office space that would be rebuilt on the trade center site, he said.**

Source: <http://www.nytimes.com/2003/05/16/nyregion/16REBU.html>

23. *May 16, Reuters* — **From Kenya to Asia, new terror alerts.** Terror alerts spread around the world on Friday with Australia and New Zealand warning their nationals to be on their guard in Southeast Asia, a region still haunted by last year's Bali bombings. **As Saudi, FBI and CIA agents hunted for the masterminds of this week's suicide bomb attacks in Riyadh, the State Department said on Thursday it feared an imminent attack by Islamic militants in another Saudi city, Jeddah.** Lebanon said it had smashed a plot to attack the U.S. embassy in Beirut, while Britain banned flights to Kenya, where past terror attacks have killed hundreds. In Pakistan, a U.S. ally in the war on terror, nearly two dozen small bombs exploded at Western-branded petrol stations. **Governments around the world believe al Qaeda, the network of Saudi-born Osama bin Laden blamed for the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States, and its allies are planning more assaults on Western targets.**

Source: <http://reuters.com/newsArticle.jhtml?type=topNews56098>

24. *May 16, Washington Post* — **Saudi compound could be a model.** Unlike the two other Riyadh gated communities hit by terror blasts Monday night, the suicide bombers could not get past the gate at Jedawal and instead exploded their GMC covered pickup truck outside the facility. The blast killed two men in the truck and three associates standing outside with grenades strapped to their waists. But no residents died. **In the end, a combination of luck and planning helped Jedawal thwart the terrorists. But U.S. officials say the design of the Jedawal facility — particularly its two layers of gates, 200 yards apart — also played a role, and may become a model for how the 1,000 residential compounds throughout the kingdom will need to be overhauled.**

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A61701-2003May 15.html>

25. *May 15, Associated Press* — **U.S. identifies money from Iraqi bank.** The Bush administration believes it has identified most of the \$1 billion taken from Iraq's central bank by one of Saddam Hussein's sons right before the U.S. bombing campaign began. **U.S. Treasury officials said \$950 million – \$850 million in U.S. currency and another \$100 million worth of euros – had been found by coalition troops in 191 boxes hidden in various palaces around Baghdad.** Qusai, Saddam's youngest son, summoned bank employees from their homes early on March 18 – shortly before U.S. bombing campaign started – and ordered them to fill the boxes and load them onto three tractor-trailer rigs. The employees inserted identification certificates into the boxes; they were still in place. **Central bank records showed that a total of 236 boxes had been loaded with cash. A search was underway for the 45 missing boxes,** Treasury officials said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/articles/A60781-2003May 15.html>

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